

Grand Houses and Gardens of Yorkshire & the Lake District

23rd - 30th June 2024 (7 nights)



This delightful, high season tour takes in some of the very finest country houses and gardens of Yorkshire and the Lake District. We will explore York, one of England's greatest historic cities and travel through the spectacular landscapes of the Yorkshire Dales and Lake District National Parks visiting iconic stately homes and hidden, private gardens.

Sunday 23rd June

Our tour starts in the early afternoon at the **5-star Grand Hotel** in the heart of historic **York**. You can have lunch independently before meeting the group. From here we will take a walking tour of this delightful city. We will explore medieval streets such as the 'Shambles', see the city walls and make a visit to the mighty, medieval **York Minster**. Dinner is in the hotel (included).



Monday 24th June

We begin our day with an exclusive visit to **Newby Hall**, a delightful Queen Anne-style house with award-winning gardens. We have a private guided tour of the gardens and house before enjoying a traditional **English Afternoon Tea** (included).

In the afternoon, we make a stop at the Royal Horticultural Society's northern home, **RHS Harlow Carr**. There is time to explore these fabulous and extensive gardens and the excellent shop. We return to York where your evening is at leisure for dinner (independent).



Tuesday 25th June

Our first visit today is to a **fascinating private garden** hidden in a beautiful valley with the perfect walled garden created on its south sloping valley side. We will meet the owner who will show us around. We then enjoy **lunch at Sisley director, Colette Walker's home** (included) to see her garden.

In the afternoon, we visit one of Yorkshire's finest private gardens, **Littlethorpe Manor**. The Head Gardener will take us on a tour of the garden, which recently enjoyed a major extension and now boasts a stunning apothecaries garden. Your evening is at leisure in York (dinner independent).



Wednesday 26th June

Today we begin at one of the most recognised and loved of Britain's stately homes, **Castle Howard**. It is home to the Howard family and made famous by its central role in the filming of *Brideshead Revisited* and more recently, *Bridgerton*. We will be treated to a pre-opening tour of the house, followed by free time to explore the gardens. After lunch (independent) we discover one of Yorkshire's newest and most interesting gardens, **Scampston Walled Garden**. It is a contemporary masterpiece of the renowned Dutch designer, Piet Oudolf, a leading figure of the New Perennial Movement. We return to York and enjoy dinner (included) in the hotel.

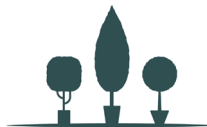


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Thursday 27th June

After checking out of our hotel, we head west and travel through the scenic **Yorkshire Dales National Park**. We visit **Parcevall Hall**, tucked into a sheltered valley. It is a delightfully peaceful Arts & Crafts style garden with a unique bedrock limestone rock garden. We then make a stop for lunch (included) at a traditional **Yorkshire Dales pub**.

After lunch, we travel onwards to the **Lake District – England's largest National Park** and inspiration to some of our most celebrated poets and authors. Next is the Elizabethan **Levens Hall** with its unique and ancient collection of topiary figures. The gardens were laid out in the 1690s and have changed little since. We have time to visit the hall before taking a tour of the gardens with the Head Gardener. In the late afternoon, we check in to the **4-star Lakeside Hotel** on the shores of Lake Windermere. Dinner at the hotel (included).

Friday 28th June

We begin the day with a visit to the inspiring private garden of Chelsea gold-medal winning garden designer, Lady Arabella Lennox-Boyd at **Gresgarth Hall**.

We then head to the northern Lakes to visit **Lowther Castle**, an intriguing contemporary garden, designed by Dan Pearson and set within the dramatic ruins of the castle. We have lunch (included) in the Sculpture Gallery followed by a tour of the gardens. We return to the hotel for dinner (included).

Saturday 29th June

This morning, we take a **private lake cruise** from our hotel's jetty to Bowness-on-Windermere. From here we visit a **fabulous private garden** designed in the Arts & Craft era. In the afternoon, we stop in the lakeland town of **Grasmere**, home of poet, William Wordsworth. There is time for lunch (independent) and a spot of shopping. On our return to the hotel, we visit **Hill Top**, the cottage home of Beatrix Potter; author, illustrator, scientist and conservationist, best known for her Tales of Peter Rabbit. Dinner (included) in the hotel.

Sunday 30th June

Our final day takes us back to York. Before leaving the Lake District we explore the impressive **Holker Hall** on the Lakeland Peninsulas. We enjoy a garden tour and have time to see the magnificent Jacobean stately home. We then have lunch (included) before returning to York, arriving late-afternoon for independent onward travel.

[Full details of tour joining and departure can be found on our website.](#)

Note: Our tour starts and ends in the city of York. We can assist with travel planning. This tour can easily be combined with our Garden Lover's Tour of Chester, Chatsworth House & the Peak District.



OUR HOTELS

Our hotels are 4 and 5-star and selected for their high standards of comfort and service. All rooms are ensuite and offer free wifi access.

The Grand, York (4 nights)

The Grand was once the HQ for the North Eastern Railway Company, one of the wealthiest businesses of the Edwardian era. Now reborn as a luxury 5-star hotel, but retaining its original splendour, The Grand, features beautiful public spaces, spacious rooms, two restaurants, bars and indoor swimming pool and a delightful spa.



The Lakeside Hotel, Newby Bridge, the Lake District (3 nights)

This comfortable 4-star hideaway is located on the shores of Windermere in the Lake District National Park. With restful bedrooms, delicious fine dining inspired by fresh local produce, beautiful gardens, an indoor pool and indulgent spa, The Lakeside is the perfect place to relax and soak up the atmosphere.



TOUR PRICE:

All tours are priced in GBP£

£4,600 price per person (sharing twin or double room)
£450 single supplement (solo occupancy of a double room)

Prices include:

- 7 nights' accommodation at 4 and 5-star hotels with en-suite facilities.
- Breakfast daily, 5 lunches and 5 dinners.
- Assistance with luggage at the hotels.
- All garden visits including tours with garden owners and head gardeners.
- Deluxe coach travel with professional driver.
- An information pack with detailed booklet about the gardens we will be visiting.
- Services of your Sisley tour director throughout.
- All tour gratuities (driver, tour director and hotels).

Prices exclude:

- Airfares.
- Travel to and from York at the start and end of the tour.
- Passport and/or visa fees if applicable.
- Meals not included in the tour, drinks, laundry, and telephone calls.

Tour payment:

A 10% non-refundable deposit is required to secure your place(s) on the tour. Your balance payment is due 120 days prior to the tour departure.

BOOK YOUR TOUR

To book your place(s) please complete our online booking form at

www.sisley.co.uk/booking-form/

As soon as we receive your booking form, we will confirm availability on the tour of your choice and arrange collection of your deposit which secures your booking.

There are three ways to pay for your tour and you will be asked on the booking form which you prefer:

With our travel partner in North America:

You can book your tour in USD\$ or CAD\$ by credit/debit card, check or bank transfer with our partners at DHTour – a London and UK specialist travel agent who can assist with all aspects of your trip.

With Sisley Garden Tours:

All clients are welcome to book a tour directly with us. We can accept payment in GBP£ by bank transfer or by credit/ debit card.

With your own travel agent:

We are happy to work with your preferred travel agent. Just provide us with their contact details on the booking form and we will take care of the rest.

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